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Sir:

This is an information disclosure statement submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b)(3), i.e., prior to a first Office Action on the merits.

Attached is a copy of a European Search Report mailed October 24, 2003, which cites three United States patents and one European patent. A copy of the European patent is submitted herewith, along with a Form PTO-1449 listing all four cited documents.


Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the first Office Action, no certification or fee is required, and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 are deemed to be fully met as to all documents submitted. Consideration of the submitted documents is respectfully requested.

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